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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael L. MARIN and Ralph MARIN

Serial No.: TBA

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: METHOD FOR ENDOLUMINALLY EXCLUDING AN AORTIC ANEURYSM

(As Amended)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 February 15, 2000

Sir:

In advance of prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Title:

Please change "Method and Apparatus for Forming an Endoluminal Bifurcated

itaft" to --METHOD FOR ENDOLUMINALLY EXCLUDING AN AORTIC ANEURYSM --.